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(Information from Federal Trade Commission)

GOVERNMENT RULES require leather to be labeled to show kind and character. These rules apply to interstate sale of trunks, suitcases, brief cases and similar articles of luggage; also to "fancy" leather goods, like billfolds, wallets, key cases, etc. Don't waste your money on unidentified leather. Read labels carefully.

OFFICIAL RULES FOR LABELS

- 1. <u>Split cowhide</u> means made of split leather, cut from under side of hide.
- 2. <u>Top Grain Cowhide, Split Cowhide Gussets</u> means article

- made mostly of top grain leather, with distinct parts of another kind of leather.
- 3. <u>Top Grain Cowhide</u>, <u>Imitation Pig Grain</u> means made of one leather treated to resemble another kind.
- 4. Embossed Top Grain Cowhide or Split Cowhide, Embossed Design means leather has been finished with some design that does not imitate leather.
- 5. <u>Top Grain Pig, backed with Split Cowhide</u> means leather has another leather glued on back for strength.
- 6. Buckram means material that merely imitates leather.
- 7. <u>Rayon Lined or Cotton Lined</u> means article is lined with rayon or cotton.
- IN GENERAL grain leathers (originally the hair side of animal)
 usually more durable, scuff less than flesh splits.

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